

VLCF Results

Since its inception in 1999, more than \$40 million has been allocated to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, of which \$8.8 million was allocated to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. These funds help leverage additional conservation dollars from federal, local, and private sources. For example, the 2007 grant round of \$6.2 million leveraged an additional \$18.7 million in matching funds.

In other words, for every dollar the state invested, it got four dollars in conservation on the ground. Funding for the Foundation has not been steady, however, and has never matched the documented demand (over \$87 million in grant requests through 2008, or nearly \$51 million more than what was available).

Through 2008, VLCF grants have helped protect over 31,270 acres of Virginia's most important lands, from farms on the Eastern Shore, to parkland in Chesterfield, to Civil War battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley. Many lands protected through VLCF provide public recreational use and access to significant natural-resource lands.

The VLCF grant program is a critical component of the Commonwealth's land protection efforts, along with the Purchase of Development Rights Program and tax credits. The map in this brochure shows the location of all VLCF grant awards from 1999 to 2009.

How Does VLCF Work?

The Foundation administers a fund used for matching grants to localities, other public bodies, and nonprofit organizations and grants to state agencies for purchasing land or easements for conservation. Part of the fund also goes directly to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for the acquisition of conservation easements. An interagency workgroup reviews all grant applications and recommends projects to the VLCF Board for approval.

Grants are provided for projects that fall into one or more of the following four categories:

- ♦ Farmlands and Forest Preservation
- ♦ Historic Area Preservation
- ♦ Natural Area Protection
- ♦ Open Spaces and Parks

The Foundation is overseen by a 19-member board, with the Secretary of Natural Resources serving as its Chairman. Members are appointed by the Governor, the Senate, and the House of Delegates with members from each of Virginia's 11 Congressional Districts, ensuring representation from all corners of the Commonwealth. The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry is also a member. The Director of DCR serves as the Foundation's Executive Secretary.



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The Commonwealth's working farms and forests, natural areas, parks, rivers, battlefields and other historic sites are critical to our economy, our culture, and our quality of life. In many ways, Virginia is defined by its land and waters.

With such unmatched resources, however, comes responsibility: the responsibility to conserve and protect these special places for future generations. The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) works to do just that.

In 1999, Virginia's governor and the General Assembly established the VLCF to help protect Virginia's most important lands. Funds from the Foundation are used to establish permanent conservation easements and to purchase open spaces and parklands, lands of historic or cultural significance, lands for hunting, fishing and wildlife watching, farmlands and forests, and natural areas. State agencies, local governments, public bodies and nonprofit groups are eligible to receive grants from the Foundation.

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Funded Projects

Farm and Forestlands

1. Big Woods (2008)
2. Big Woods (2007)
3. Black Farms Property
4. Brumley Mountain (2006)
5. Brumley Mountain (2007)
6. Brush Creek Farm
7. Charlton Hill
8. Dragon Run Conservation Corridor
9. Elgin Dairy Farm
10. Feedstone Hunting Club
11. Frank Ott Farm PDR
12. George Property
13. Koon Dairy Farm
14. Leonard Farm
15. Marlboro Angus
16. Meadow Grove Property
17. Oaken Brow (Withdrawn)
18. Page Property
19. Port Tobacco
20. Portobago Creek Easement
21. Richardson PDR
22. The Big Survey
23. The Meadow
24. Welbourne Farm Easement

Natural Areas

25. Bulls Pond
26. Clinch River
27. Clinch/Pinnacle
28. Crows Nest (2006)
29. Crows Nest (2008)
30. Dragon Run - Milby Tract
31. Fletcher Ford
32. Garden Creek
33. Gilvary Forest
34. Hickory Hollow Nature Trail
35. Lower Blackwater - Blackwater 2
36. Marks and Jacks Islands

37. Old Growth Blackwater River - Blackwater 4
38. Powers Tract, Northwest River
39. Protection of the Gallohan-Surgenor Cave
40. Rare Oak-Hickory Forest
41. Sweet Spring Hollow
42. Unthanks Cave

Open Spaces and Parks

43. Altavista/English Area Park
44. Appomattox River Conservation Area
45. Bullpasture River
46. Cedar Creek Bluff
47. Chincoteague Open Space
48. Fairfax Cross County Trail Easement
49. Fairview Park
50. Fray Tract
51. Historic Yorktown Beach Trail
52. Indian River Park
53. Jamestown Campground and Yacht Basin
54. Jamison Cove Marina
55. Keister Park
56. Mary B. Stratton Estate
57. McAfee Knob/Carter Land
58. Merrimac Farm
59. Mount Pleasant Farm
60. Nelson Tract
61. Paradise Creek (2006)
62. Paradise Creek (2007)
63. Powhatan Creek (withdrawn)
64. Rappahannock Station Park
65. Short Hills Tract
66. Tobacco Heritage Trail - Phase 2
67. Waid Recreation Area
68. White's Ford Regional Park
69. Whitt-Riverbend Park
70. William's Wharf Landing

Historic Resources

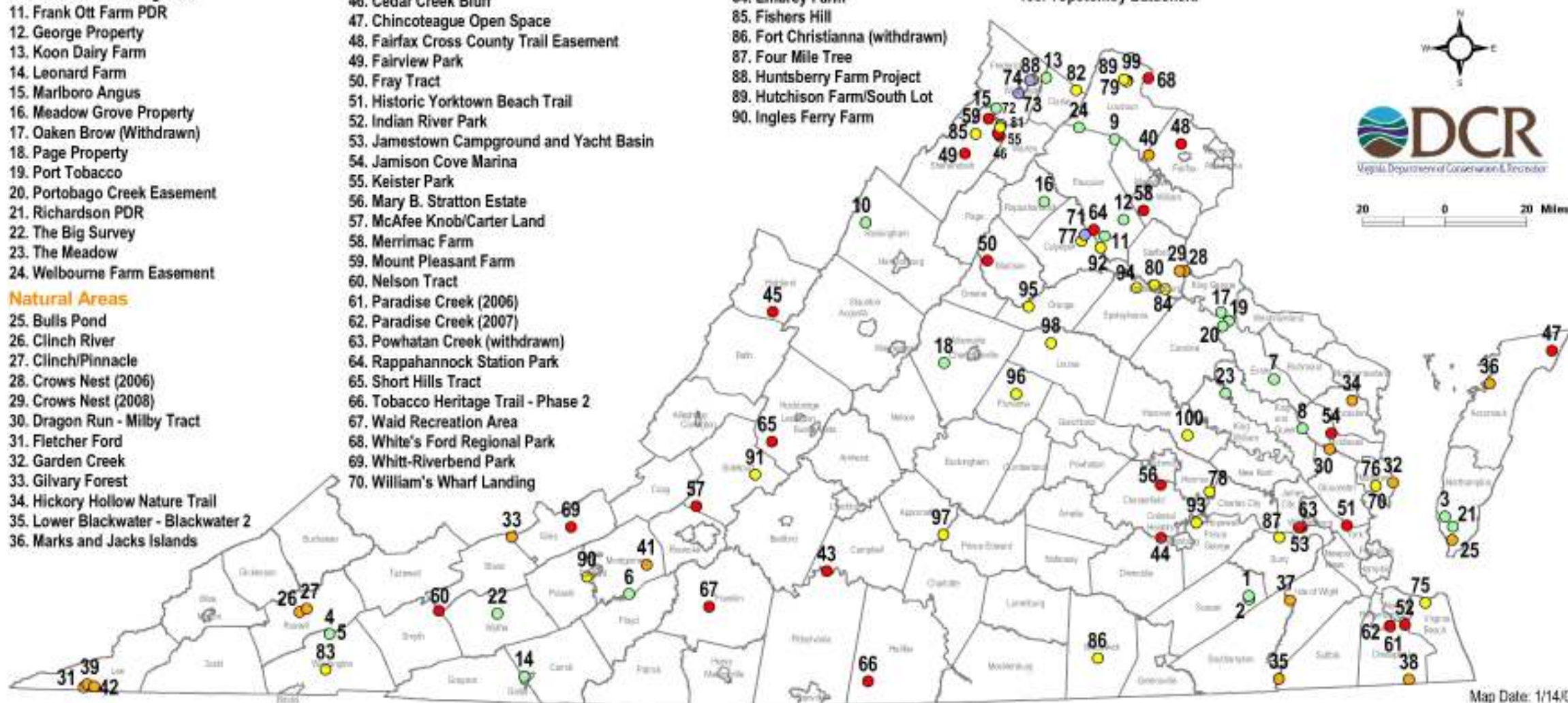
75. Adam Thoroughgood House
76. B Williams and Co Store
77. Brandy Station
78. Burhman (Malvern Hill)
79. Carr Property
80. Chancellorsville Battlefield
81. Colley Farm
82. Cool Spring Farm
83. Dunn Meadow Property
84. Embrey Farm
85. Fishers Hill
86. Fort Christianna (withdrawn)
87. Four Mile Tree
88. Huntsberry Farm Project
89. Hutchison Farm/South Lot
90. Ingles Ferry Farm

Historic Resources

91. Kanawha Canal Park (withdrawn)
92. Kelly's Ford Battlefield Overlook Park
93. Kippax Plantation
94. Lick Run Civil War Battlefield
95. Montpelier - Home of James Madison
96. Palmyra Lock and Mill Site
97. Pamplin Pipe Factory
98. Riveroak
99. Talbot Farm Conservation Easement
100. Topotomoy Battlefield

GRANT CATEGORIES

- Farmland / Forestry
- Historic Preservation
- Natural Area Project
- Open Space / Parks
- Battlefields



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